



# DESIGN OF ELASTOMERIC BEARINGS FOR BRIDGES - METHOD A

Based on AASHTO LRFD Design Specifications 8th Edition 2017

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## DESIGN INPUT DATA

DESIGN STATUS O.K.

DEAD LOAD, $P_{DL}$	450	kN	
LIVE LOAD, $P_{LL}$	550	kN	
HORIZONTAL MOVEMENT OF SUPER S., $\Delta_0$	25	mm	
AXIS OF PAD ROTATION	Trans.		
CALCULATED ROTATION	0.004	rad.	
ALLOWANCE FOR UNCERTAINTIES ROTATION	0.005	rad.	14.4.2.1
BEARING SHAPE	Rectan.		
BEARING SUBJECT TO SHEAR DEFORMATION	Yes		
BRIDGE DECK FIXED AGAINST HORIZONTAL TRANSLATION	Yes		
BEARING WIDTH, W	380	mm	
BEARING LENGTH, L	350	mm	
ELASTOMERIC LAYER THICKNESS, $h_{ri}$	10	mm	
THICKNESS OF TOP & BOTTOM COVER LAYERS, $h_{cover}$	6	mm	
NUMBER OF INTERIOR ELASTOMERIC LAYERS, $n_{int}$	10		
SHEAR MODULUS OF ELASTOMER, G	0.69	MPa	
YIELD STRENGTH OF STEEL REINFORCEMENT, $F_y$	248	MPa	
CONSTANT AMPLITUDE FATIGUE TRESHOLD, $\Delta F_{TH}$	165	MPa	
REINFORCEMENT THICKNESS, $h_s$	3.17	mm	
CREEP DEFLECTION FACTOR, $\alpha_{cr}$	0.35		Table 14.7.6.2-1

## SHEAR DEFORMATION (14.7.6.3.4)

$P_T$	1000.00	kN	Total unfactored vertical load	
A	133000	mm <sup>2</sup>	Bearing area	
$\Delta_s = \Delta_0$	25.00	mm	Maximum total shear deformation of elastomer at service limit	
$h_{rt} = 2 h_{cover} + n_{int} h_{ri}$	112	mm	Total elastomer thickness (excluding steel shims)	
$h_{cover} \leq 0.7 h_{ri}$	O.K.			14.7.6.1
$h_{rt} \geq 2 \Delta_s$	O.K.			14.7.6.3.4.1

## COMPRESSIVE STRESS (14.7.6.3.2)

$0.55 \leq G \leq 1.72$	<table><tr><td>O.K.</td></tr></table>	O.K.	Control of shear modulus value	14.7.6.2	
O.K.					
$\sigma_s = P_T / A$	<table><tr><td>7.519</td><td>MPa</td></tr></table>	7.519	MPa	Service average compressive total load stress	
7.519	MPa				
$\sigma_L = P_{LL} / A$	<table><tr><td>4.135</td><td>MPa</td></tr></table>	4.135	MPa	Service average compressive live load stress	
4.135	MPa				
$\sigma_D = P_{DL} / A$	<table><tr><td>3.383</td><td>MPa</td></tr></table>	3.383	MPa	Service average compressive dead load stress	
3.383	MPa				
$S_i = \frac{LW}{2h_{ri}(L+W)}$	<table><tr><td>9.11</td></tr></table>	9.11	Shape factor for rectangular bearing	14.7.5.1-1	
9.11					
$S_i = \frac{D}{4h_{ri}}$	<table><tr><td>N/A</td></tr></table>	N/A	Shape factor for circular bearing	14.7.5.1-2	
N/A					
$1.25 GS_i$	<table><tr><td>7.857</td><td>MPa</td></tr></table>	7.857	MPa		
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$S_i^2 / n < 22$	<table><tr><td>O.K.</td></tr></table>	O.K.	Method A is applicable	14.7.6.1	
O.K.					
$\sigma_s \leq 8.62$	<table><tr><td>O.K.</td></tr></table>	O.K.		14.7.6.3.2-7	
O.K.					
$\sigma_s \leq 1.25 GS_i$	<table><tr><td>O.K.</td></tr></table>	O.K.	14.7.6.3.2-8		
O.K.					



**COMPRESSIVE DEFLECTION (14.7.6.3.3 & 14.7.5.3.6)**

In the absence of information specific to the particular elastomer to be used, Equation C14.7.5.3.6-1 or Figure C14.7.6.3.3-1 may be used as an approximate guide for calculating dead and live load compressive strains.

$$\epsilon = \frac{\sigma}{4.8GS^2}$$

C14.7.5.3.6-1

$\epsilon_{Li}$	0.0150	Instantaneous live load compressive strain in ith elastomer layer	
$\epsilon_{di}$	0.0123	Initial dead load compressive strain in ith elastomer layer	
$\delta_L = \sum \epsilon_{Li} h_{ri}$	1.69 mm	Instantaneous live load deflection (limit is 0.25 inch or 3.17mm)	14.7.5.3.6-1
$\delta_d = \sum \epsilon_{di} h_{ri}$	1.38 mm	Initial dead load deflection (no limit is defined in AASHTO)	14.7.5.3.6-2
$\delta_{lt} = \delta_d + a_{cr} \delta_d$	1.86 mm	Long term dead load deflection (no limit is defined in AASHTO)	14.7.5.3.6-3
$\delta_L < 3.17$	O.K.	Control of maximum relative live load deflection	C14.7.5.3.6

**STABILITY (14.7.6.3.6)**

$h_{rt} < L/3$	O.K.
$h_{rt} < W/3$	O.K.
$h_{rt} < D/4$	N/A

**REINFORCEMENT (14.7.6.3.7 & 14.7.5.3.5)**

$h_{s,min}$	1.59 mm	Minimum thickness of steel reinforcement	14.7.5.3.5
$h_s > h_{s,min}$	O.K.	Control of minimum reinforcement thickness	
$h_s \geq \frac{3h_{ri}\sigma_s}{F_y}$	O.K.	Service limit state	14.7.5.3.5-1
$h_s \geq \frac{2h_{ri}\sigma_L}{\Delta F_{TH}}$	O.K.	Fatigue limit state	14.7.5.3.5-2
$n_{steel} = n_{int} + 1$	11	Number of steel shim plates	
$h_{total} = h_{rt} + h_s n_{steel}$	147 mm	Total bearing thickness	

**FINAL DESIGN SUMMARY**

Bearing Width	380 mm
Bearing Length	350 mm
Elastomeric Layer Thickness	10 mm
Thickness of Top & Bottom Cover Layers	6 mm
Number of Interior Elastomeric Layers	10
Number of Steel Shim Plates	11
Total Elastomer Thickness	112 mm
Reinforcement Thickness	3.17 mm
Total Bearing Thickness	147 mm

